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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a rural broadband user and someone who depends on the internet for my business, I am appalled that AT&T is considering abandoning the copper wire DSL service that makes my livelihood possible. Rural areas of lower population has been underserved by the corporate internet providers, and I have used our local internet and phone provider, Mendocino Community Network, for years. They are less expensive and more responsive when I have a problem than any of my prior internet providers ever were. This kind of competition is supposed to be what the American business model is all about.

Without local providers who can provide quality, competitive services, rural communities like mine will be cut off from access to the brave new world of an internet economy. Don't give our future to these monolithic companies, who don't have any connection to the needs of our rural areas.

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